

Facts about Cyber Bullying:

- o Cyberbullying is the willful and repeated harm inflicted through the medium of electronic text. It can take place in chat rooms, on social networking websites, through cell phone text messaging, email, and other web-based environments (Burgess -Proctor, Amanda; Patchin, Justin, Ph D , and Hinduja, Sameer, Ph.D. "Cyberbullying - The Victimization of Adolescent Girls," 2007).
- o Common cyberbullying behaviors include name-calling, spreading of gossip or sensitive information, threats, teasing, sexual harassment, being ignored or disrespected, and being deceived by a bully who is misrepresenting themselves (Burgess -Proctor, Amanda; Patchin, Justin, Ph D , and Hinduja, Sameer, Ph.D. "Cyberbullying - The Victimization of Adolescent Girls," 2007).
- o Nearly one in four teens in a relationship (24%) communicated with their partner via cellphone or texting HOURLY between midnight and 5:00am (Teen Research Unlimited, "Tech Abuse in Teen Relationships," January 2007).
- o 30% of teens say they are text messaged ten, twenty, even thirty times an hour by a partner inquiring where they are, what they're doing, or who they're with (Teen Research Unlimited, "Tech Abuse in Teen Relationships," January 2007).
- o 67% of parents whose teens were checked up on thirty times per day on their cell phone were unaware this was happening (Teen Research Unlimited, "Tech Abuse in Teen Relationships," January 2007).
- o 82% of parents whose teens were emailed or texted thirty times per hour were unaware this was happening (Teen Research Unlimited, "Tech Abuse in Teen Relationships," January 2007).
- o One in four teens in a relationship (25%) say they have been called names, harassed, or put down by their partner through cellphones and texting (Teen Research Unlimited, "Tech Abuse in Teen Relationships," January 2007).
- o One in five teens in a relationship (22%) have been asked to engage in sex by cellphone or the Internet when they do not want to (Teen Research Unlimited, "Tech Abuse in Teen Relationships," January 2007).
- o 71% of parents were unaware that their teen is afraid of not responding to a cell phone call, text or IM message or email for fear of what their partner might do (Teen Research Unlimited, "Tech Abuse in Teen Relationships," January 2007).
- o 67% of parents were unaware that their teen was asked to have sex or engage in sexual acts via cell phone, email, IM, or texting when they did not want to (Teen Research Unlimited, "Tech Abuse in Teen Relationships," January 2007).
- o Only 20% of girls who were bullied online, never knew who was bullying them. 31% were bullied by a friend from school, 36% were bullied by someone else from their school, and 28% were bullied by someone in a chat room (Burgess -Proctor, Amanda; Patchin, Justin, Ph D , and Hinduja, Sameer, Ph.D. "Cyberbullying - The Victimization of Adolescent Girls," 2007).
- o 27% of girls who were bullied decided to retaliate by bullying the person who bullied them. Only 20% informed a parent or another adult. 47% confided in an online buddy, 17% suspended their use of the Internet for a time, and 25% ignored the harassment they received (Burgess -Proctor, Amanda; Patchin, Justin, Ph D , and Hinduja, Sameer, Ph.D. "Cyberbullying - The Victimization of Adolescent Girls," 2007).

- o 43% of youth report that they have experienced some form of cyberbullying in the last year. The incidence of cyberbullying is most prevalent among 15- and 16-year-olds, particularly among girls (Harris Interactive, "Teens and Cyberbullying." Research conducted for the National Crime Prevention Council, February 2007).
- o Teen cyberbullying victims are twice as likely to talk to a friend about a bullying incident as to talk with their parents or another adult (Harris Interactive, "Teens and Cyberbullying." Research conducted for the National Crime Prevention Council, February 2007).